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DEATH OF HON. GEORGE KONIG

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE

MONDAY, *June 2, 1913.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Father in heaven, we wait on Thee for Thy blessing, that we may be wise in our conceptions, pure in our motives, strong in our devotion to Thee and in the things which make for good in the relationships of life; in our homes that they may be sacred; in our country, which safeguards our homes, protects our inherent rights; in our religion, which holds us close to Thee in life and in death.

Again our hearts are touched by the removal of another Member of this body; he has answered the call which waits on us all—a typical American citizen who dignified labor by faithful service and was called by those who knew him best to serve them in the affairs of State and Nation. Make us faithful to the obligations resting upon us, that we may be prepared to go forward to the larger life without fear or doubting, and comfort those who knew and loved him, especially his wife and children, with bright hopes and anticipations for the continuance of his existence in another of the Father's many mansions, where they shall join him. And Thine be the praise forever. In the name of Him who taught us the immortality of the soul. Amen.

Mr. LINTHICUM. Mr. Speaker, it is my painful duty to announce to this House the death of my colleague, Hon. GEORGE KONIG, of the third Maryland district, which occurred on Saturday evening last. Mr. KONIG entered upon the activities of this life as an errand boy. He was what we call a "self-made man." He educated himself. His opportunities for acquiring an education while young were so meager that along with his other heavy tasks he undertook and acquired an education while in his twenties. He was energetic and persevering, and through this and through the many friendships which he laid up during life he was able to win the congressional nomination of the Democratic Party, and was elected to the Sixty-second Congress from a district which had long been in the possession of the opposing party. During his membership in this House he followed out the principles and precepts of his party at all times and under all circumstances. He looked upon the platform of his party as a contract entered into with the people and carried out that contract to the letter. He was a loving husband and father, and one of Baltimore's good citizens. At a later date I shall ask the House to set apart a time for pronouncing eulogies upon his character and public services. At this time I present the following resolutions.

The Clerk read as follows:

House resolution 120

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. GEORGE KONIG, a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That a committee of 14 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary ex-

penses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

Under the resolution the Speaker appointed the following committee: Mr. Covington, Mr. Talbott of Maryland, Mr. Linthicum, Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. Lewis of Maryland, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Barkley, Mr. Sabath, Mr. Baker, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Bartholdt, Mr. Barton, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Gardner.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 3, 1913, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *June 16, 1914*.

Mr. COADY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Sunday, June 28, be set apart for eulogies on the late Representative KONIG, of Maryland, and that there be a session of the House on that day for that purpose.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Maryland [Mr. Coady] asks unanimous consent that on Sunday, June 28, 1914, there be a session of the House for the purpose of paying eulogies on the life, character, and public services of the late Representative KONIG. Is there objection?

Mr. MANN. At the regular hour?

The SPEAKER. At 12 o'clock noon. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

SUNDAY, *June 28, 1914.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Linthicum.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

How wonderful are Thy works, O God, how inscrutable are Thy ways; who can comprehend Thy wisdom; who can understand Thy power. Thou art almighty, yet we are not dismayed, for Thou hast revealed Thyself in the heart of the Christ as the Father of all souls. Thy love is reflected in the overruling of Thy providence, in the sacrifices of the patriot, the scientist, the philanthropist, in the love of parents for their offspring, in the sublime sacrifice of Calvary. We are here to-day in memory of one who made himself a place in the hearts of his countrymen by the heroism displayed in the common daily duties of life; in his struggles for the betterment of his fellows; the love of his country, his splendid devotion to father, mother, wife, and children. With a host of admirers and the overwhelming sorrow of those who are near and dear we mourn him, but not without hope, for Thou hast woven into our being a part of Thy substance which shall survive the wreck of time and live on with Thee forever. By this thought comfort us, by this truth solace the bereaved wife and children. And songs of praises we will ever give to Thee in the spirit of Him who taught us faith, hope, love. Amen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. COADY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the Journal, and that it be approved.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland asks unanimous consent to dispense with the read-

ing of the Journal and that it be approved. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will read the special order for to-day.

The Clerk read as follows:

On motion of Mr. Coady, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Sunday, June 28, 1914, be set apart for addresses upon the life, character, and public services of Hon. GEORGE KONIG, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Mr. COADY. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolutions, which I send to the Clerk's desk and ask to have read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the business of the House be now suspended that opportunity may be given for tributes to the memory of Hon. GEORGE KONIG, late a Member of this House from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That as a particular mark of respect to the memory of the deceased and in recognition of his distinguished public career, the House, at the conclusion of these exercises, shall stand adjourned.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate.

Resolved, That the Clerk send a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions.

The resolutions were agreed to.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

Address of Mr. Coady, of Maryland

Mr. Speaker: We are gathered here to-day in this historic chamber, the meeting place of the lower branch of the greatest legislative body in the world, to pay tribute to the memory of one who rose from the humble station of laborer to a place in this great body, sitting here as a representative of the city of Baltimore.

Few men accomplish so much as this in their lifetimes, and such as do are remarkable men. George Konig was a remarkable man.

We are told that he was born at North Point, Baltimore County, Md., near the famous battleground where, in 1812, the raw militia from Baltimore drove back and defeated the trained and seasoned British soldiers, killing their commander, Gen. Ross, and saving the Monumental City from the threatened English occupation.

In his early youth his father moved to Baltimore, where young George obtained a position in a packing house, which required him to run errands and perform light laboring work. Subsequently, he worked in a shipyard, then on a fishing boat, and later he became apprenticed to a shipbuilding concern, where he learned the trade of calking, which he followed for some time thereafter.

From these humble places in life he rose to be superintendent of the Baltimore Pulverizing Works; member of the first branch city council of Baltimore, which he held for four years; member of the second branch city council, which he held for a like period; and then to the House of

Representatives, being first elected in 1910, and reelected in 1912.

When we stop and think that he could not read or write until he reached early manhood, we can truthfully repeat that GEORGE KONIG was a remarkable man.

Let me read to you a biography of Mr. KONIG, prepared and furnished by himself to the Baltimore papers:

Yes, I was a calker—

He said after his rise to a seat in Congress—

I was a calker and a good one. But as I grew older there came a crisis in my life. I was one of those careless fellows, intent only upon drawing my pay envelope on Saturday night and just seeing how fast I could spend my money. I was always out for a good time.

I joined the union and went to the meetings, and finally came to the conclusion that the president and other officers of the union were substantial men—men who did not carouse and drink and who were certain in their work. I saw myself as simply a follower of those better men. This put me to thinking, and I said to myself: "GEORGE KONIG, which are you going to be? A leader or a follower? Why can't you be one of those substantial men instead of one of the bunch?"

Right there I made my choice. I bought a primer and an arithmetic and several other books to start on, and started for home. "Hey, George, where are you going?" some of my friends yelled at me. "Come with us." "I am going home," I answered, and although they jeered at me when they found out I had bought the books, I went home and started plugging. I studied every night and wrestled with those books, first learning the letters and piecing out the words slowly. Hard work? It was the hardest job I have tackled. It was worse than pulling in those nets, but I plugged along and made some headway.

In time I became head of my union by a majority of just one vote. The next year my election was unanimous. You see, the boys learned that I was making good and gave me their confidence. Since then I have prospered. I try to be on the level and square and to stick to my friends. When a man does that he is going to get along.

As a member of the city council of Baltimore, he was regular in attendance at its sessions, painstaking in his work, and at all times diligent in looking after the interests of the people he represented. He had the courage of his convictions. Once he determined a line of action to be right, he could not be swerved by influence of any kind, political or otherwise. This was demonstrated during the stirring times in the council that followed the great Baltimore conflagration of the year 1904, when his vote and influence were vainly sought in support of measures that Mr. KONIG's conscience told him were wrong.

He discharged the important duties that were imposed upon him by reason of his membership in this House with credit and fidelity to his constituents, and received during his first term designations on two of the big and important committees of the House, the District of Columbia and Immigration, an unusual compliment to a new Member.

He was a most useful member of both of those committees. His eight years' service in the city council of Baltimore had familiarized him with many and important municipal problems, so that when he secured a place on the District Committee, his experience as a city legislator proved to be a valuable asset to that committee.

He sought membership on the Immigration Committee because he believed this place would enable him to serve the large foreign-born population in his district. He had great sympathy for these people and served them well, and in return they had the highest regard and admiration for him.

He was devoted to his friends. Busy as he was performing his congressional duties and looking after his business interests when he could, he never forgot those whom he knew well and associated with before success and prominence came to him.

We learn that frequently and regularly he would visit all the political and social organizations in his district, where his old-time friends were accustomed to gather, and there meet them, fraternize with them, and talk over with them some of the incidents and happenings of the days when they and he were struggling hard to gain an existence.

GEORGE KONIG was a charitable man. He gave liberally of his means to the needy and afflicted, and no man seeking alms ever came away from him empty-handed.

I believe he was more liberal than he could afford to be, but his heart was so big and he had so much sympathy for the distressed that he just simply could not resist an appeal to his generosity.

I attended Mr. KONIG's funeral, held in the city of Baltimore. A great concourse of people assembled in the vicinity of his home the morning he was buried; the church where the last sad rites were performed was crowded to the doors, hundreds being unable to gain admission; and at the cemetery thousands gathered and stood with bared heads as all that was mortal of GEORGE KONIG was committed to the ground. It was a remarkable tribute to a remarkable man. It was a mark of affection for a man who loved the people and who in turn loved and trusted him.

Mr. Coady took the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

Address of Mr. Linthicum, of Maryland

Mr. Speaker: These services in memory of our late colleague from Maryland vividly recall a similar service held in this Hall one Sunday a little more than a year ago in which Congressman Konig was himself a participant. I remember distinctly that on that Sabbath morning when he arose to speak in memory of the late Senator Rayner we all listened with keen interest because we had learned that though Congressman Konig was not fond of public speaking, whenever he did speak he had something to say and a manner of saying it which made it well worth hearing. We were not disappointed on that occasion, and I yet think of one paragraph in his address which impressed me at the time as expressing the philosophy of human life. He said:

> But, taking ourselves as we find ourselves, there is no man with an ambition to attain anything who does not, as soon as he attains it, find himself possessed of an ambition to attain something else above and beyond it, and the which if he does not attain leaves him as much unsatisfied as if his first ambition had not been realized. Such is the nature of human effort and ambition; perhaps it is well that it is so.

How well the speaker's life typified that statement many here present know. The hand of death has stilled the voice which spoke those words, but he who ponders them can not but be convinced that they were uttered by one whose habits of thought placed within his grasp an intimate knowledge of human nature.

And the man who uttered these words, whose reflections brought him to this conclusion, was once spoken of as "uneducated."

Perhaps he lacked the kind of education which is the only brand some people recognize. True, he could point to no college diploma. His alma mater was the rough school of life and experience, and from that body he graduated at the head of his class. He learned the cardinal virtues, sincerity, honesty, and energy. Possessing these essentials of success, he was successful. With an aversion to literary tasks begotten by infrequent use of the pen, doubtless it would have been an effort for him to write an essay on "Charity." He would have been equally as reluctant to express his views in a speech on that subject. But when it came to "doing" charity the act was a natural part of himself. His deeds proclaimed him more eloquently than did the writings or public addresses of others.

The big heart in his bosom beat warmly for his fellow man, and that sympathy was outwardly expressed in countless acts of kindness. These acts, performed so naturally, so gracefully, were often known to no one but the doer. Those who know of some of them never fail to recall them but with increased admiration for the man. I was told of an incident which occurred after Congressman KONIG began his services in this House. Upon returning to Baltimore one evening, after finishing his daily duties in Washington, he found an old lady, an invalid, sitting in a wheel chair in the depot. She was pathetically excited, her distress being evident to all who observed her. Pausing to learn the cause of her discomfort, Congressman KONIG inquired in that kindly, sympathetic manner which ever distinguished him and was told that she had returned to Baltimore from a visit, and it had been arranged that some of her relatives were to meet her at the station to take her home. She had arrived and had been waiting for an hour or more, but none of her family had appeared.

The Congressman inquired her address, and when it was told him, volunteered to wheel her home himself. When he got her home, she explained with much gratitude that she was without funds to compensate him for his trouble, but asked his name, telling him that she would remember him in her prayers, and pray for a blessing upon him. I need not attempt to describe the surprise of the good lady when her benefactor modestly told his name and admitted that he was the man who represented her part of the city in the Congress of the United States. Innumerable acts of kindness like this established Congressman KONIG in the affection and estimation of those who knew him.

Congressman KONIG was not a fluent speaker. Perhaps he was often silent because he was conscious of his limitations in speech. I would not have you think he was unable to express himself, for when the occasion demanded, or the spirit of the moment roused him, he was capable of delivering himself in English terse and expressive. But, as a rule, he did not rush into words. He thought, he analyzed, he revolved the proposition in his own mind carefully, and when he spoke what he said was worth hearing. Perhaps the thought was not set forth strictly according to the rules in the "little blue grammar" of Kerl and McGuffey, but it was pictured in words that adequately conveyed the views of the speaker, and these views were generally popularly indorsed as "practical common sense."

When GEORGE KONIG was elected a Member of this House there were many people who smiled; who wondered the kind of Representative his limited educational qualifications would enable him to make; who waited with curiosity his advent in the councils of our Nation. For these there was in store a surprise. How great was that surprise I can best describe by reading from an edi-

torial in the New York Sun of June 3, 1911, inspired by Congressman KONIG's first speech in Congress. Permit me to remind you that the first effort of every new Congressman is not discussed in the editorial columns of this great metropolitan daily. The Sun saw in Congressman KONIG's effort subject of interesting speculation, and its verdict on that effort was as follows:

The Hon. GEORGE KONIG, of Baltimore, in an autobiographical sketch in the Congressional Directory, says that he "was denied the opportunity of acquiring a school education, and it was not until quite advanced in years that he taught himself, under great difficulties, reading and writing." The maiden speech of such a man in the House is therefore of more than ordinary interest, especially when, as in the case of Hon. GEORGE KONIG, there is a tendency in some quarters to decry his merits and regard him as a breezy and amusing character who got into Congress by a fluke. But the self-made who push their way to greatness, careless of the susceptibilities they tread on, are seldom judged fairly.

Probably the Hon. GEORGE KONIG, who calked ships for 10 years and rose to be the manager of a pulverizing company and a lawmaker in Congress, is not sensitive to the flippant criticism of the less successful. They expected GEORGE KONIG to make a laughing stock of himself when he spoke his first piece in Congress. We are inclined to think that it was rather a creditable effort of the calker who taught himself to read and write. At any rate, many worse speeches have been made by more imposing persons who were never calkers. Mr. KONIG talked about the bill to admit New Mexico and Arizona as States and took up only a minute or two of the House's time. He had decided to vote for the bill in spite of the provision for the recall of judges in the Arizona constitution, of which he did not approve. "Anyway, my friends, it is Arizona's funeral, not ours," said Mr. KONIG, holding that the Arizonans, if they made a mistake in the constitution they wanted, would discover and correct it. What the ex-calker thought of the recall of judges has not always been better said.

It will be seen that the Hon. GEORGE KONIG is no orator, but just a plain man with a well-developed bump of common sense and a modest gift of idiomatic English. And he has no mean turn for epigram, too.

Congressman KONIG, as stated by my colleague, was born in 1856 near North Point, Md., where was fought the memorable battle of that name in our War of 1812. At an early age he moved to Baltimore, where was spent practically his entire life. His father was a farmer whose share of the world's goods did not permit him to offer his son GEORGE those opportunities for gaining an education which are extended the average American youth. It is said that so meager was the instruction young KONIG received that it was not until he reached his majority that he learned to read or write. But though he did not possess the average scholastic education enjoyed by the youth of our land, he was generously endowed with what is termed "good common sense," the intelligent application of which was directed by a mind and heart that acted warmly in unison for the betterment of his fellow men.

No one in distress or want ever appealed in vain to GEORGE KONIG. Soon he became known as the friend of the poor, and from their aid and assistant he became their counselor and father confessor. When a representative from his section of the city was needed in the city council, and it became known that GEORGE KONIG would esteem that distinction, the honor was thrust upon him willingly and eagerly.

It had ever been the practice of KONIG to do well and thoroughly every task to which he applied himself, and when he became the representative of his people in the city council he gave to his new duty the same undivided attention and unfaltering devotion he had brought to bear on the work of his daily trade. The ship calker made good. His colleagues in the city council soon found that what he lacked in acquired knowledge he more than made up in those qualifications born with him. They learned to regard his judgment with respect and to rely upon his unerring intuition.

He left the city council to become a Member of Congress, and in this body and in this larger field he made new conquests of friends and established his views in the respectful attention of his fellow workers. He followed out the principles and precepts of his party at all times and under all circumstances. He looked upon the platform of his party as a contract entered into with the people, and carried out that contract to the letter.

Few men have come to this House more dearly loved by their constituents. Members of this Chamber who composed the party who traveled to Baltimore to attend the funeral of Congressman KONIG witnessed a touching demonstration of this affection in the crowds that flocked to his home, who lined the streets, surrounded the church, and followed his body to the grave.

The lives of many public men are pointed out for the youth of our country as proof that to the boy who is ambitious there is no position not within his reach. As a rule, the examples used to illustrate this statement are the lives of men raised in the country, whose young days were spent amid rural surroundings. The instances of city boys, reared under circumstances so humble as to closely approach poverty, but rising through sheer personal worth, are not so numerous.

Fortunately, whether a boy is born in the country or in the city, if he is ambitious, if he possess those virtues and those traits of character which establish him in the esteem and confidence of his neighbors, there is no position of honor and trust to which he may not aspire with the probability of some day witnessing the realization of his dreams.

The city boy who reads the life of Congressman KONIG, who observes his career upward to a place in the councils of our Nation, will see that his chances for gratifying his life ambition have been made clear, because the upward trail has been already hewn. The life of this Representa-

tive from Maryland will, therefore, prove an inspiration to every city boy in the land, an inspiration that will reach down in every side street, that will grip the imagination of the youth of our most crowded tenements. The lesson it teaches is that the goal of achievement is within the reach of every American boy possessed of the courage and resolution to make the effort.

Address of Mr. Lewis, of Maryland

Mr. Speaker: I, too, enjoyed the friendship of the late Hon. George Konig, although it began only with our common service in this body and ceased too soon for me, as well as all of us.

What is a man? His first attribute will be the qualification he may possess to make him understood by his fellows and to understand his fellows. In that respect our late colleague was a man, indeed. He was easily understood, because of that simplicity of character which is always the characteristic of great men. For even though its presence may not necessarily denote the great man, simplicity is always a qualification of greatness. It was doubtless due to this simplicity of character, as well as his sympathy for human beings, and the uncommon common sense, which has just been referred to by one of the speakers, that he owed the very great distinction which had come to him under the most difficult and discouraging circumstances of life imaginable.

His life story should be of value in one most important direction. There are none who are blind to the glamour of public distinction, but there are many among the poor and the plain people of our land in whom the assurance of success and achievement has been suppressed by a spirit of resignation begotten by generations of denial of opportunity in the Old World. Let their children lift their heads. This Republic was ordained for them, and by energy, honesty, and high patriotic purpose they can really open and enter every door in its incomparable temple of fame and honor.

Mr. Linthicum resumed the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. COADY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have five legislative days in which to print and extend their remarks in the Record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland [Mr. Coady] asks unanimous consent that Members may have five legislative days in which to print and extend their remarks in the Record. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In accordance with the resolution previously adopted, the House will now stand adjourned until 12 o'clock noon to-morrow.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until Monday, June 29, 1914, at 12 o'clock noon.

Proceedings in the Senate

Monday, *June 2, 1913.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by D. K. Hempstead, its enrolling clerk, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. George Konig, late a Representative from the State of Maryland, and transmitted resolutions of the House thereon.

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House had appointed as a committee on the part of the House Mr. Covington, Mr. Talbott of Maryland, Mr. Linthicum, Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. Lewis of Maryland, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Barkley, Mr. Sabath, Mr. Baker, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Bartholdt, Mr. Barton, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Gardner.

The Vice President. The Chair lays before the Senate resolutions of the House of Representatives which will be read.

The Secretary read the resolutions as follows:

In the House of Representatives,
June 2, 1913.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. George Konig, a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That a committee of 14 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

Mr. JACKSON. I offer the resolutions which I send to the desk, and ask unanimous consent for their present consideration.

The resolutions were read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. GEORGE KONIG, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That a committee of eight Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. KONIG at Baltimore, Md.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these resolutions to the House of Representatives and to the family of the deceased.

The Vice President appointed, under the second resolution, Mr. Martin of Virginia, Mr. Chilton, Mr. Saulsbury, Mr. Johnston of Alabama, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dillingham, Mr. Smith of Maryland, and Mr. Jackson as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. JACKSON. I move, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 5, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY, *June 30, 1914.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House transmitted resolutions on the life and public services of Hon. GEORGE KONIG, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.

FUNERAL SERVICES

[From the Baltimore Star of June 4, 1913]

Boyhood friends of George Konig, Representative in Congress from Maryland's third congressional district, this morning carried his body through a line of distinguished citizens of the city, the State, and the Nation, while thousands of persons stood with bowed heads as the final tributes were paid to one who had risen from the humblest walks of life to be one of the Nation's lawmakers.

It was a sight long to be remembered as scores of policemen lined the sidewalks and the streets and held the great crush of humanity in check, both at the Konig home, 2733 Eastern Avenue, and St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Ellwood Avenue and Hudson Street. It was by far the largest funeral that East Baltimore had ever seen.

Only the members of the family, a few close friends, the congressional party, members of the Democratic State central committee, and the members of the city council were able to get within earshot of the parlor of the Konig home, when, at 10 o'clock, Rev. Lawrence J. McNamara, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, read the prayer of blessing of the dead. Then the body was carried out of the house by the active pallbearers through the long line of honorary pallbearers.

Postmaster Sherlock Swann and 50 letter carriers of the Baltimore post office lined up on the pavement opposite the house, and as the casket was being moved to the hearse Joseph Roberts, leader of the letter carriers' band, played Nearer, My God to Thee on his cornet.

The letter carriers formed a guard of honor and flanked both sides of the hearse and marched from the home to the church. A committee of four members from the Letter Carriers' Association also went to the cemetery.

The funeral cortege moved from the KONIG home out Eastern Avenue to Ellwood, thence to Fait, to East Avenue, to Hudson Street, to the front of the edifice. It was about 11.30 o'clock when Funeral Director John A. Moran had all of those able to gain admittance to the edifice within. Admission was by card only, save for the immediate family and the funeral party and for those who represented organizations, who were present to pay their last respects to a departed friend, coworker, and associate.

PLACED WREATH ON CASKET

As the body was borne into the church and placed in front of the altar, three little girls, Barbara Sadowski, Mary Pietrowrak, and Mary Maychozak, members of St. Stanislaus' Polish Catholic Church, walked up the aisle carrying a wreath and deposited the floral offering on top of the casket, which was already covered with a pall of roses, the tribute of the Democrats of the first ward.

Rev. Lawrence J. McNamara, rector of the church, was the celebrant of the solemn requiem high mass, assisted by Rev. James F. Donohue, as deacon, and Rev. John J. Corbett, subdeacon; Joseph L. Curran, a seminarian and a brother of William Curran, who was Mr. KONIG's secretary, was master of ceremonies. As the casket was carried into the church Miss Blanche Barry Barnitz sang I Have Waited for the Lord. Miss Barnitz also sang Stabat Mater. Thomas F. McNulty sang Jesus, Lover of My Soul, and Miss Isabelle McLain sang Raise Me, Jesus.

At the conclusion of the mass Father McNamara eulogized Mr. KONIG.

EULOGY OF DECEASED

In his sermon Father McNamara dwelt on the life of the Congressman as a beacon light to all men and women for all time to come. He said that it was impossible to eulogize the career of him, for he had eulogized himself by his acts through his life, and that upon this occasion the Nation joined with the family and the people of Baltimore and the State of Maryland to do honor to him. In part he said:

To tell the story of the young man of destiny—for he was a man of destiny — we must take ourselves back to the spirit that breathed life 57 years ago at North Point. And he was a remarkable man, all things considered. We shall find how great he was as we miss him in this community, and this great outpouring of people from this city, as well as from the State, attests to the esteem in which he was held. We must look along the line of endeavor that took him from North Point to the Capital of the United States. We see him with a fixedness of purpose transplanted from time to time through the various spheres of life, and we find him as an example of a father, who in this particular was ready to sacrifice himself, not for a friend, but for his family.

Father McNamara then dwelt on the public career of Konig and how through the influence of his goodness of heart he had won thousands to his support, not merely by the handclasp, but by deeds. He then took up the phase of Konig's outspokenness, which had won for him many friends, for he was never afraid to state his position open and aboveboard under any circumstances. He said he was a man who gave no quarter in honest battle and was always ready to shake the hand of his enemy after combat.

He then told of how he had accepted the faith of the church last Wednesday about the same time he was preaching, and of his frankness of heart, which proved that he always stayed close to the path of God, even though he did not accept religion in his daily walk of life.

It was shortly before 1 o'clock before the funeral cortege left the church for the cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers included, besides the Democratic State central committee, the following:

The members of the senatorial committee from Washington, Senators Jones, of Washington; Martin, of Virginia; Saulsbury, of Delaware; and Smith, of Maryland, and Joseph E. O'Toole, Acting Assistant Sergeant at Arms. The committee from the House of Representatives: Congressmen Linthicum, Talbott, Covington, Smith, and Lewis, of Maryland; James T. McDermott, of Illinois; J. Thompson Baker, of New Jersey; Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri; F. P. Woods, of Iowa; A. P. Gardner, of Massachusetts; and Robert B. Gordon, Sergeant at Arms. Judge James P. Gorter, of the supreme bench of Baltimore; State Senator Charles P. Coady, former Congressmen Harry Welles Rusk and Harry B. Wolf, Lee S. Meyer, A. J. Cilento, William E. Martin, Patrick J. Lynch, Samuel Cannatella, Adolph C. Statter, Michael Feller, Leo F. Winterling, and Harry F. Burch.

The active pallbearers—Charles Abrums, Frank Shaney, Henry Berwig, Charles Summers, George Travers, and James Byrnes—were all boyhood friends of the dead Congressman.

CROWD AT HOME

As early as 6 o'clock this morning scores of women and children began to make their way to vantage points, both at the home, on Eastern Avenue, and at the church. Many of them found the crush at the home too much for them, for persons lined both sides of the streets and were held in check by the policemen, and went to the church in the hope of gaining a seat of vantage. They were disappointed, for admission was by card only, and hundreds of persons were forced to remain in the streets,

for the church was jammed, its capacity being less than 500 persons. Many more, however, were crowded into the edifice.

One dozen floral carriages were necessary to convey the more than fourscore floral tributes that represented every conceivable design known to the florists' art. Wreaths and crosses, gates ajar, stars, broken columns, and even a ship of flowers 8 feet in length, the tribute of the Calkers' Union, the association in which Uncle George first learned the art of becoming a master of men.

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